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# SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *GREETINGS ALL SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES AND ACTIVES!*

*What a wonderful late summer we had this fall. On Election Day, citizens chose some new leaders for our various communities and made decisions on important state and local issues.*

*Congratulations to Rich Gustafson, one of our members, who was elected to the Shoreline City Council.*

*We would like to thank Major Jim Kahlis for his great slide presentation on the Ghost Squadron, a collection of World War II aircraft still in use today. It was an interesting informative program. Thanks also to Maryon Troxel for leading us in singing some songs that many of us haven't sung for a long time.*

*Music is the theme for our December meeting as we continue the Holiday Season. The Shorewood High School Orchestra under the direction of Dan Wing will present musical selections for our enjoyment. This will be followed by a dessert buffet put on by the Home Economics students of Shorewood. Come out with your holiday spirit and greet old friends and make some new ones.*

*The meeting and program will be at Shorewood High School in their theater which is located in the southwest corner of the High School (see the map in this issue). Parking at or near any high school is limited. I suggest that you car pool if possible. Parking on or near 170th Street is probably best, behind Parker's (Charlie Mac's) is very good, not a long walk.*

*Best wishes for a happy holiday season and may the new year be one of joy and happiness for you.*

**THOUGHT FOR DECEMBER:** *Chance favors a prepared mind.*

*Lets keep in touch.*

*Dave Johnson*

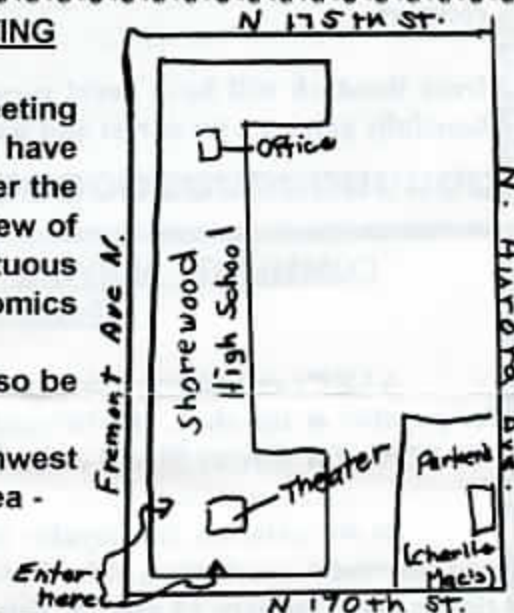
## SPECIAL MUSIC PROGRAM AT DECEMBER 11 MEETING

We are looking forward to our December 11 meeting at 1:30 P.M. at Shorewood High School when we will have the opportunity to hear the Shorewood Orchestra under the direction of Dan Wing. They will be giving us a preview of their Winter Program. We will also enjoy the scrumptuous dessert buffet put on by the Shorewood Home Economics students.

This promises to be a very delightful afternoon so be sure to come and bring your friends.

As Dave mentioned, parking is best in the southwest corner - see map at the right. Carpooling is a good idea - plan to fill your car with your friends.

See you there!



### COMING EVENTS

December 11 1:30 PM Meeting at Shorewood High School. The Shorewood Orchestra under the direction of Dan Wing will give a preview of their Winter Program.

#### NO MEETING IN JANUARY

February 3 9:30 AM NW-1 Coordinating Council Meeting, Royal Fork, Mt. Vernon

February 12 1-3 PM Board Meeting at AARP Washington State Office

February 19 Noon - Joint Meeting with Overlake RTA at Bothell Library, 18215-98th AVE NE, Bothell. Legislative up-date - Jack Rogers, Chair.



**SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISERS**

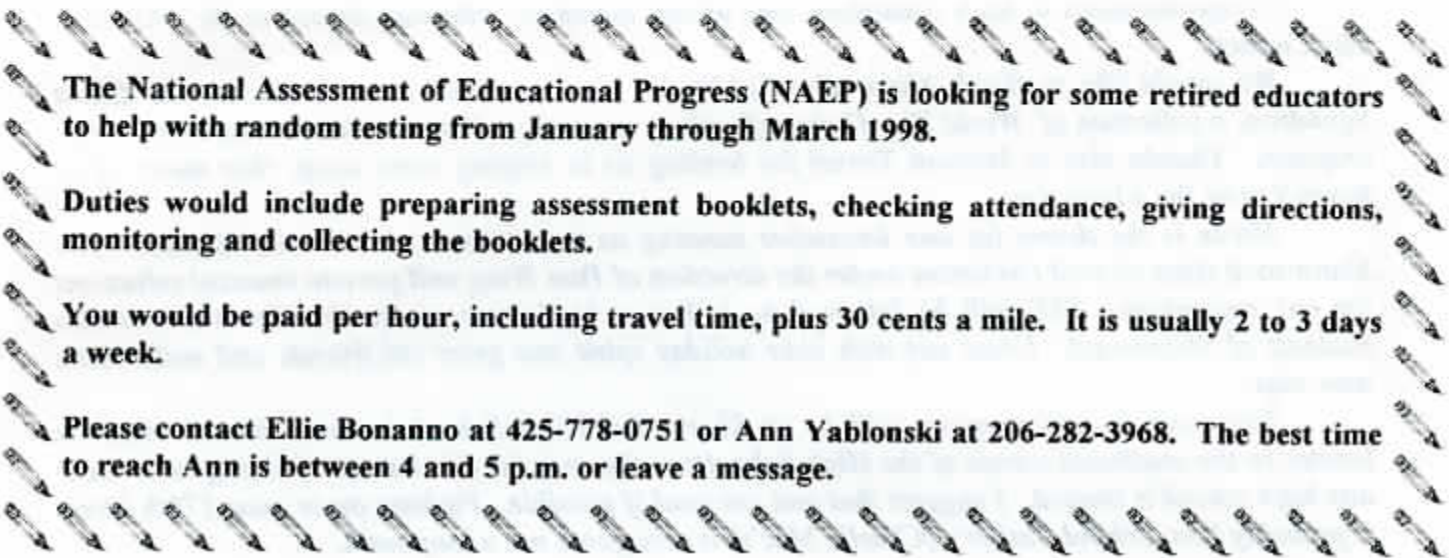
**RAFFLE:** Lois Grasmick is donating a very unique oak clock that includes a windmill, water tank, ladder - you have to see it to believe it! It will be on display at the December meeting and the winning number will be drawn at that meeting.

**ENTERTAINMENT '98 BOOKS** - there are still a few available, call Fran Peters, 206-361-8594 or Donna Murrish, 206-363-5753.

**VIDEO OF THE "1935 ROCKERS"** made at the May Luncheon at the Mill Creek Country Club. \$5 of the \$15 cost will go to the Scholarship Fund. Call Walter Barnum, 206-362-8032 to reserve a copy.

**SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEONS** in October and April also raise money for the Scholarship Fund.

**DONATIONS BY MEMBERS** - a large part of our fund is derived from donations by members given in memory of some family member or friend, to honor someone, or a donation to benefit a deserving student.



**The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is looking for some retired educators to help with random testing from January through March 1998.**

**Duties would include preparing assessment booklets, checking attendance, giving directions, monitoring and collecting the booklets.**

**You would be paid per hour, including travel time, plus 30 cents a mile. It is usually 2 to 3 days a week.**

**Please contact Ellie Bonanno at 425-778-0751 or Ann Yablonski at 206-282-3968. The best time to reach Ann is between 4 and 5 p.m. or leave a message.**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE - Robert E. Jones, Chair, (425) 787-2727**

**55-ALIVE - MATURE DRIVING CLASSES**

AARP's refresher teaches preventive measures that save lives when driving. \$8.00 materials fee payable at the class. Participants must register through Edmonds Parks and Recreation, 425-771-0230. For drivers 50 and over. May qualify for discount on auto insurance.

\$8.00 materials fee payable to AARP. Participants must register through Edmonds Parks and Recreation in advance, 425-771-0230. Fall quarter classes are: December 10 and 11. Winter classes are: January 14 and 15, February 11 and 12, and March 11 and 12, 1998. Classes are held 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**Retiring In The Next Five Years?** Attend the Sno-King Retirement Seminars in January and February and see me for consultations, rollovers, and long term care insurance. **Not retiring for awhile**, let me help you accumulate enough money so that you can! **Don Denton (425) 672-6746.**

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### TRAVEL IDEAS AND TIPS

Terri Malinowski

\* Terry Harrington is a big fan of the *Elder Hostel* tours which combine learning with travel. Earlier this fall, Terry enjoyed a six-day tour at Yellowstone National Park which covered two topics: wolves and 19th-century history of the park.

She flew from Seattle to Bozeman, Montana, where a coach met them and shuttled them to a lodge in Gardiner, Montana at the Park's North Entrance. Amidst the fall colors of Indian summer, Terry and the group toured Yellowstone by day and attended 90-minute classes each night. "The park history was interesting, and the videos and information about wolves was fascinating," she says. "The daytime jaunts were tied to our classroom learning."

\* Dick Sacksteder, one of the more-traveled members of our Sno-King Unit, has enough travel tips and good info to fill *three* travel columns. Here are a few comments, based on the Sacksteders' trip in May, 1997 to Europe. They watched for "hot" airline fares and found round-trip tickets to London for \$390 each.

First, Dick and Barbara rented a car in London and toured the English countryside. Then they took a train from London through the new Chunnel to Paris in about three hours. Did the pair worry about the North Sea over their heads? "It only takes 20 minutes through the Chunnel - not enough time to think about it," says Dick.

In Paris, they used subway and bus to sightsee. The trip wound up in Belgium, there they visited relatives. By adding \$100 to each fare, the Sacksteders were able to fly home from Brussels instead of returning to London.

\* Georgianna Young recommends a summer or fall trip to Victoria which incorporates a side trip to Butterfly World. This large dome (not far from Butchart Gardens) houses a myriad of colorful butterflies skimming about, as well as birds and insects among the foliage. Strolling around, you can observe the larvae and caterpillar forms of the butterflies, too.

### LUNCH - OUR FAVORITE TOPIC

\*Sno-King Unit members know a bargain when they see one, including restaurants sampled and loved, especially for lunch. Here are plaudits for some inexpensive, delicious places to eat. (Send us your favorites for a future column).

Sea Hag - on the main street of Depoe Bay, Oregon. Small, but has excellent chowder and seafood for those blustery days along the Oregon seacoast. (Tom Fortin)

Acapulco Fresh at Bothell Way NE and 61st NE, just above Kenmore Air Harbor. Excellent prices, delicious salads, everything absolutely fresh. (Joanne Dunn and Barbara Berg)

Calico Corner - either the LaConner or Mt. Vernon location. Wonderful country food.

Sparta's - Italian restaurant at 17630 Hwy 99, Lynnwood. Excellent pizza, manicotti and lasagna, with a great "house" salad. (Bob Jones)

Geppetto's - a hole-in-the-wall Italian cafe at the top of Commercial Avenue (3320), entering Anacortes. Eat it there, picnic in the park, or take it on a drive - wonderful panini sandwiches, meatballs, pasta such as ravioli and stuffed shells, and the best tiramisu and cannoli this side of Naples. Fresh breads, pasta, homemade sauces and pastries packaged for home, too. (Terri Malinowski)

For contributions or questions, call columnist Terri Malinowski, (425) 483-8344 or email her at [terrim@accessone.com](mailto:terrim@accessone.com)

### LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Interesting things are beginning to happen down in Olympia. If you haven't tuned in to the Legislative Hot-Line do so today. WSRTA Hot-Line is: 1-800-221-1269.

#### **MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION COMMITTEE - Don Denton (425-672-6756) Chair**

This year, we are visiting the Northshore schools to inform school employees about retirement issues and to recruit new members. Current active members will also be asked to complete new registration forms since many of the older forms do not carry over smoothly from active to retired status.

We are still looking for retired Northshore people who will go along on school visits during staff lunch times. There is nothing to do but say hello to old friends and pass out a form or two. When people at a school see a former colleague wearing the happy face of retirement, it gives our organization and Don's presentation credibility.

Whether you know people in one school or three, call Don today and volunteer. Bring your friends, too!

**Waiting For The State Long Term Care Plan?** It looks like they now will go ahead and offer the insurance next Spring even though it will cost more and have fewer options than individual plans already on the market. Retired applicants will have to qualify medically and pay their own premiums, just like regular policies. Remember, the cost of insurance is based on your age and health at the time of application. Even if you think you have waited too long to plan, call Don Denton (425) 672-6746.

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## NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Lois Champion, former Shoreline School nurse, has just returned from her fourth vacation to S E Asia. Some ports on her Princess cruise included Shekou, China, Manila, Pattaya Beach, Thailand, Saigon, Borneo and Brunei. She said because of the smoke from burning jungles, visibility was limited to about a mile. She added that although the temperature ranged from 88 to 92 degrees F, she did not see the sun for two weeks.

"At one time when we were nearing Kuala Lumpur, the Captain of the PRINCESS announced that if we smelled smoke, it was because the ship's air conditioning units were overloaded. He advised that the passengers remain indoors until further notice; however several non-asthmatic passengers on one deck were seen leaning on the railing and attempting to peer through the haze."

Lois said, "We were in the typhoon that hit south of Thailand where 120 Thai fishermen lost their lives. We really rocked."

"In the Philippines I had a brief, impromptu chat with President Ramos as he exited his limousine at Malacanang Palace. Smoking a large cigar and smiling, he asked the polite questions of where are you from and are you enjoying your travels. He had remained seated in his bullet-proof, dark-windowed limousine for about five minutes before emerging. Probably it took this time for his Security forces to determine if the area was safe."

Of the places Lois visited or revisited, she says she wishes to return to Vietnam where tourism has not yet greatly affected the culture.

Fall vagabonds include: Margie and Bill Borgert - cruising through the Panama Canal; Georgia and Phil Elvrum - spending a month in Hawaii; Fay and Walt Dawson - two months in Hawaii; Sharon and John Samples - touring Turkey; Ellie and Gus Bonanno - Italy, including Sicily; and Dave and Marlene Johnson on a cruise through the Panama Canal to Santiago, Chile and then to the Galapagos Islands.

Note from a school volunteer: You can make a difference in the school life a child! There are so many children that could benefit from just an hour a week of your time. They need someone to listen to them read - to help them read a story - help with their spelling. You probably will benefit the most with the satisfaction that you may have made a difference in the life of a child.

Next edition we will have the names of contact people from each district for volunteers.

News deadline for February Bulletin is January 21, 1998. Send to Betty Odle, 2137 N 86th, Seattle 98103. Phone: 206-525-8276. Please send us news about other members as well as about your activities. If you know of any illness, please contact our Sunshine Co-Chairs, Gayle Bromley, 206-364-1314, Frances Peters, 206-361-8594 (5-9 PM best time to reach her), or President Dave Johnson, 425-776-7298 or Editor Betty Odle, 206-525-8276.

Again, many thanks to those who come over each month to fold, staple and label the newsletters. If you would like to join this happy, hard-working group, call Betty-206-525-8276 or Ellie Bonanno-425-778-0751 or Ruthanne Warren-206-367-0742 to volunteer. We try to get the letter out the last Wednesday of the month beginning at 9:30 a.m. Call Betty before coming in case the printing has been delayed.